

Classified Ads

Minimum charge of 15c, or five cents a line, counting six words to the line. Positively no ads will be taken for this column without cash in advance, as items are too small to take the trouble to enter charge accounts.

FOR SALE—Plate kodak. Inquire at this office.

COUNTY MAPS—The Record has a few Gratiot County Maps left. Parties wishing to purchase same may do so by calling at this office.

FOR SALE—Rag rugs, woven in any color desired. Orders taken by mail. Mrs. A. Bradley, Vestaburg, 78-17-n

FOR EXCHANGE—A good chattel mortgage and a land contract for vacant lots in Alma. Inquire at this office.

TO TRADE—Land contract and chattel mortgage to exchange for vacant lots. Would take cheap house and lot or good auto. Inquire at this office.

LOTS FOR SALE—Very desirable lots on the corner of West Center and Cedar, opposite college park. F. N. Nostein, 76-81-p

FOR SALE—Quantity of canned fruit, several varieties, first quality. Inquire at this office.

FOR RENT—Large house and barn near the Motor Truck plant. Inquire of F. E. Pollasky, Room 21, Pollasky Block.

FOR SALE—A gasoline power washing machine with winged attachment. Enquire of Otto Hawley.

TO EXCHANGE—\$700 in good contract and chattel mortgage to exchange for vacant lots, cheap house or auto. Enquire at this office.

FOR SALE—Four full blood White Leghorn cockers for sale. Enquire Otto Hawley, 303 Gratiot, Alma.

FOR SALE—Two brood sows for sale. Inquire Bert Kittridge, on Alma and St. Louis road.

FOR SALE—A roll of wire fence, two five-tooth cultivators, a quantity of lumber, one buggy, one plow and single harness. Inquire of J. E. Grover, or Economy Shoe Store.

FOR SALE—One water power washing machine. Otto Sanderhoff.

HELP—Married man wanted on farm by the year, commencing at once. Inquire John W. Morton, R. F. D. No. 4, Alma, or either phone.

FOR SALE—House and lot and vacant lots on Michigan. Geo. Lewis, Lewis & Searl addition.

FOR SALE—Work harness, wagon, light drag, two driving harnesses, storm buggy, four extra work collars and 7-year-old driving mare. C. E. Drury, 513 Wright Ave.

WANTED—Girls for operators at the Union Telephone office. Pollasky Bldg.

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms. Light, heat and bath. Gentlemen preferred. 613 Woodworth Ave.

WANTS SITUATION—A widowed lady with one child wants position as housekeeper in small family. Mrs. Clara Haney, 619 Hannah Ave.

WORK WANTED—By a high school boy, out of school hours. 320 Woodworth. Bell phone 310.

FOR SALE—Work team, weight 1, 300 each, harness, wagon, three cows, one cow fresh and one fresh soon, one colt and two calves. Inquire J. H. Rowley, 219 East End.

FOR SALE—Eggs from choice White Rocks, 75 cents for 15. Inquire J. A. Garden, Grafton Ave.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping. 209 Lincoln Ave.

FOR SALE—Timothy hay. Union phone 91—6R. Lost—Collie dog, answers to Teddy. Yellow with white ring on neck and white stripe on nose. Reward. August Brantigan.

FOR SALE OF TRADE—A good seven-room house and lot, good cellar, good wood on porch, good eastern, large wood-shed, barn 16x24, good shade and 15 minutes walk to truck plant. Will sell on easy terms. Will take stock or heavy team as part payment, or trade for small farm. Inquire of Bert Kittridge on Alma and St. Louis angling road.

LOST—Two cheap pocketbook containing two 10-dollar bills, two 5-dollar bills, one 1-dollar bill and some change. Finder please leave at this office and receive reward.

LOST—Pair ladies' brown kid gloves, initials "R. N." inside. Finder please leave at this office.

FOR SALE—Ford car in good condition. Will make good light delivery car, and lot on East Ely St. Buy this before the price advances, also square piano and two good organs.

FOR SALE—Estate hot storm heating stove, good as new. Also Florence coal stove, N. 9 furnace, reason for selling. H. Moran, 411 Woodworth Ave.

WANTED—Girl for general house work. 109 West Downie. 81-11-c

WANTED—Woman to do family washing. Inquire at this office.

WANTED—A woman to do family washing and ironing. Inquire at Record office.

LOST—A small lavaliere with brilliant setting. Lost on street March 6th. A liberal reward if delivered to Record office.

WANTED—At once experienced gas fitter. Steady employment at good wages. Petoskey & Bay Gas Co., Petoskey, Mich.

THE CHURCHES

United Brethren Church
A. B. Bowman, Pastor. Residence, 119 Hastings St.
Sunday 10:00 a. m. sermon by the pastor; subject, "Rejoicing in Hope."
Sunday school at 11:00 a. m.
Thursday prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m.

M. E. Church
Thomas G. R. Brownlow, Minister. Parsonage, 724 State St.
Sunday services at 10:00 a. m. Preaching topic, "The Need of the Church."
Sunday school at 11:30 a. m.
Junior Epworth League at 3:00 p. m.
Epworth League at 6:00 p. m., leader, Miss Bessie Creaser.

7:00 p. m. preaching topic, "A Good Man or a Good Fellow, Which?"
Dr. John Benson will lecture at the M. E. church Tuesday evening, March 13th; subject, "Putting Goodness on the March."

First Presbyterian Church
William H. Mason, Pastor
Sunday, March 11th, at 10:00 a. m. public worship; subject, "The Earthly and the Heavenly."
Sabbath school at 11:30 a. m.
Eastminster Sabbath school at 2:45 p. m.
Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:15 p. m.
Public worship at 7:00 p. m.; subject, "The Man Born Blind."
Thursday, March 15th, at 7:30 p. m. prayer meeting.

Baptist Church
J. W. Priest, Pastor. Residence, 802 Gratiot Ave.
Sunday morning service at 10:00 o'clock; sermon, "The Earthly Hope of the Christian."
Sunday school at 11:15 a. m.
B. Y. P. U. meeting at 6:00 p. m.; topic, "Spreading the Good News," leader, Anna Angell.

Evening service at 7:00 o'clock; sermon, "The Morning Star of the Reformation."
Thursday night prayer meeting at 7:30 o'clock.

St. John's Church
Morning prayer at 10:00 a. m.
Sermon, "One Soweth, Another Reapeth."
Sunday school at 11:30 a. m.
Vesper service at 5:00 p. m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist
Alma State Savings Bank Bldg.
Sunday at 10:30 a. m.
Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.
Subject for March 11th, "Man."
Reading room open Saturday afternoon from 2:00 until 4:00.

OUR LITTLE BACK LOT

Let them tell us, who will, of their broad, rolling farms.
And their eloquent, annual gains;
Let them dwell, if they choose, on the many rare charms
Of their far-reaching acres of grains.

But unless they have tried it they never can guess
Of the jolly good fun to be got
From the radishes, lettuce, beets, onions and cress,
Peas, beans and tomatoes, full many a mess.

Which we grow in our little back lot,
Which "we" grow—for my wife and the children and I,
We all join, each one doing his best,
In our pleasant endeavor, and eager to try
To bring forth good things for the rest.

And I'm sure we are truly as happy as kings,
Though we dwell in a plain little cot.
We're so fond of the glad vernal season that brings
All the savory, toothsome, delectable things.

That grow in our little back lot.
—Boston Traveler.

"Isn't pocket-picking a difficult and dangerous art?"
"Yes, till you get your hand in."

Shrewd, careful buyers read the want ads.

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You save many an agent's commission here—you deal with the seller who wants to sell, and by the same token you find the buyer who wants to buy.

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The HOWLAND ESTATE

How the Owner Acquired a Piece of Property Needed to Complete It

By F. A. MITCHEL

The shortest day in the year had been passed, and the sun started on her northward journey. Winslow Howland had come into the enormous fortune that had been accumulating for him for years, and he was laying his plans for his future. He took no thought as to a career. His mind was bent upon how he should enjoy life. His city residence was an accomplished fact. His father had made it as elaborate and beautiful and luxurious as could be desired. But no country place had been prepared for him, and this was the problem that occupied his mind when the sun started back to warm the earth and bring forth a new season.

For two months Howland devoted himself to the house he would build in the country. Then in the early spring he started on a tour to find a location. He preferred his country place should be within a short distance of his city home. There was one district and one alone to the northwest where a succession of hills formed beautiful views. Howland looked over this region and selected an acre on which he decided to build a house.

He did not own this site nor any of the surrounding acres which he intended should form his estate. He was so rich that he believed he could buy any property he wished. But he had enough business sense to realize that it would be unwise to let the owners know of his intention. While he was ready to pay any price he did not care to pay three or four times the intrinsic value of the property purchased.

Howland determined to buy up the land he wanted himself, not that he wished to save the expense of having it done by an agent, but he thought the diplomacy required would interest him. He would not enter the field as the multimillionaire Howland, but as an unknown person of limited means. He managed the matter very well. He first bought a few acres at the base of the eminence on which he would build, through which ran a brook, and gave out that he intended to dam the stream for water power to run a glue factory. This enabled him to purchase the site above at a fair price, for a glue factory has not an agreeable odor and the value of the bill would be greatly reduced.

Having made this beginning, Howland, who by this time had come to be known as Mr. Jernegan and wore the plain clothes of a small manufacturer, met with excellent success in picking up all the different properties that he wished, except a few acres which would lie within the very heart of his estate. He was irritated to learn that this bit of ground had changed hands since he began to make his purchases. The owner, a small farmer, had sold his land for double its value to some one living in the city. An examination of the county records revealed the fact that the purchaser was one Samuel Jones. Howland at once started an employee on a hunt for Mr. Jones and for information as to what he intended to do with the land, if he would sell, and if so at what price.

The person employed to obtain this information reported that he had been unable to find Mr. Jones, and he had heard that the actual owner of the property was a woman who intended to use it for some kind of agricultural purposes. Howland directed his emissary to learn the name and residence of this person, but after a long search he had not succeeded.

Howland, not doubting that in time he would be able to buy the only property he needed to complete his estate, was on his lips one morning directing the marking out the lines of foundation for his residence when he saw wagons carrying building material on to the tract he did not own. This troubled him. Any building put up on the property he would eventually have to pay for. He went to where the men loading were going on and asked questions, but no one there seemed to know what was intended.

During the next three or four months Howland was obliged to look upon a line of glass and iron buildings erected on the property he desired. Every effort to learn who was the owner of the land and was erecting the buildings failed. When the glass houses neared completion the erection of a very pretty bungalow was begun on a site now there, a site which Howland had intended for a purpose of his own. There was also every evidence that the grounds would be laid out in landscape gardening fashion, and the whole instead of being an eyesore would be a thing of beauty.

This fact instead of satisfying Howland only irritated him. When the plant was completed he was informed that a woman had moved into the bungalow.

Howland at once sent a person to have a look at the newcomer, find out what he could about her and report. The spy on his return said that the owner of the plant was a graduate of an agricultural college and was preparing to enter upon the cultivation of roses. The lady was about twenty-two years old.

Howland, still deeming it unwise to

treat with the party direct, sent for a friend, George Winslow, who had made agriculture a profession, and commissioned him to buy the rose plant ostensibly for himself. Winslow was told to endeavor to persuade the owner to put a price on the property, which he was to agree to pay, no matter how much the amount.

Winslow visited the bungalow and was told that Miss Edgerton, the resident, was in the office of the conservatory. He went there and found a very different person from what he had expected. He supposed he would see a young woman of plain exterior, serious, businesslike, and whose costume would be suitable for her work. Miss Edgerton was a very pretty woman, dressed in excellent taste and in fashion. Her assistants, who were all of her own sex, were the only indication that the owner was of the new woman order. She received Mr. Winslow with an engaging smile and listened to an introduction to his subject, which was an account of his preparation for the agricultural profession and his having settled upon the branch of rose culture. From this he explained that he desired to purchase a plant ready for production and ended by suggesting that he would like to buy hers.

Miss Edgerton listened to what he had to say, then told him of her own ambition, adding that her property was not for sale. An effort to get her to put a price on it was not successful.

There was nothing left for Howland to do but tackle the lioness in her den himself. Upon Winslow's report of her personality he resolved first to attempt to win her favor, then adopt such a plan as might seem best to buy her property. As to concealing his identity as a multimillionaire, this was now beyond hope.

Howland had by this time got into his country home. He sent her some strawberries from his garden—great, luscious fellows—with a note of welcome to his new neighbor. He received a note of thanks in return and an invitation to call. The call was made in due time, and the visitor devoted himself to pleasing the hostess. He said not a word about buying her plant, but the contrary, he expressed his satisfaction at having so attractive a property near him. He left with the belief that he had made a very agreeable impression.

It was not in Mr. Howland's plan to lead Miss Edgerton to believe that she had made a conquest of him. This would rather hinder than facilitate his purchase of her property. He wished merely to secure her good will, hoping that she would accept two or three times its value, or that he might place her in a position of standing in the way of a friend. While he lavished upon her every favor she would accept, he neither looked, spoke nor hinted love. His aim was merely to play the good neighbor.

When he had fully established a kindly entente he one day told her that he wondered that she had not selected a site for her rose plant where she would have had better facilities for transporting her goods to market. To this she expressed herself well satisfied where she was. Later he informed her that he owned a splendid site for her plant nearer the city and on a railroad by which she could ship her goods. If she wanted it, he would exchange it for her property, build new conservatories for her and give her triple the value of her present property to boot.

She appeared to take the matter into consideration. But she never came to a decision—at any rate, no decision that she revealed to the would-be purchaser of her property.

Disappointed in this move, Howland resolved to try what virtue there would be in love-making. He would try to win the property through the heart. If he must wound the heart he would heal the wound with gold. For he had no doubt that if there was enough gold bestowed any such breach would be stopped by it. But Howland had been so beset by women to marry him for his fortune that his ideas on this point had been somewhat warped.

So he began by first looking a little love, then acting a little love and finally speaking a little love. A beginning having been made, he doubted the quantities. Miss Edgerton received his attentions coyly. She was always a trifle behind him in this love-making. Nevertheless the affair developed.

Then one day Miss Edgerton told Howland that she was thinking of taking a partner in her business. Howland took flight at once, and when a swell from the city came to the rose factory and introduced with the owner Howland discovered that the factory had become of small importance to him in comparison with the owner. The moment the secret departed Howland went to Miss Edgerton and told her that if she would not marry him he would accept such terms.

That's the end of the story. The two were married, the conservatories were taken down and the land on which they stood was made a part of Howland's estate. But there is an explanation as to how all this came about.

Miss Edgerton, nee Jones, these two had been who from southern birth had come to the north, the wife of the late George Winslow, a wealthy planter in the south. Her husband's plan to buy a large tract of land in the north for the purpose of raising a fine of property had failed. She had never married again, and when Howland came to her she was a widow.

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When the cave man wanted help or a wife he strode forth, tapped one on the head, and dragged he or she to the tribal habitat.

Civilization has placed certain restrictions and limitations about us which prevent this beautifully simple method.

But it has given us the want ad, which costs but a few cents, and no physical effort.

THE PLEASING CHAP

"Why do you turn, O summer girl, The end of the novel to see?"
"Why, don't you know," she gently said.
"It's the last chap pleases me!"

MARKET REPORT

Following are the prices paid by the Alma Grain & Lumber Company, March 8, 1917:

Wheat, white	\$1.30
Wheat, red	1.25
Oats	.61
Beans, new	2.25
Barley, cwt.	2.30
Rye	1.50
Corn, shelled	1.10
Corn, ear	.55
Buckwheat, cwt.	2.25
Clover seed	\$8.00 to \$9.00

CATTLE MARKET

Fat cattle	\$6.00 to \$8.00
Common cattle	\$4.00 to \$6.00
Fat calves	\$10.50
But lamb	\$12.50
Prime hogs	\$12.00
Figs	\$11.00
Dressed hogs	\$15.50
Heavy hens	\$18.00
Light chickens	\$17.00

LEGAL NOTICES

ESTATE OF WILLIAM ADAMS

State of Michigan, County of Gratiot, ss.
Notary Public hereby gives notice that the final account of William Adams, the administrator of the estate of Robert F. Fleming, deceased, of Gratiot County, Michigan, now on file will be examined and if found to be correct, allowed by me at the Probate Office, in the Village of Ithaca, in said County, on the 25th day of March, next, at ten o'clock a. m. of said day.
Dated Ithaca, February 26, A. D. 1917.
A. J. COPELAND, Judge of Probate.
MADGE E. BARNES, Register of Probate. (80-41)

ORDER IN CHANCERY

State of Michigan, in the Circuit Court for the County of Gratiot, in Chancery.

Isabel M. Yerian, Plaintiff.
Matthew B. Faugher and William A. Faugher, or their heirs and assigns, Defendants.
At a session of said court held in the Village of Ithaca in said County, on the 25th day of March, next, at ten o'clock a. m. of said day.

Present, the Hon. Kelly S. Searl, Circuit Judge.
Said plaintiff having filed his verified Bill of Complaint against said named and unnamed defendants to quiet title of the following described lands, to-wit: Commencing at the N. E. corner of the North Eighth street and the Section line between Sections 3 and 4 of town 12 north, range 1 west, Michigan, thence west 5 rods, south to the margin of Pine River, thence northerly along the margin of Pine River to a point south of the place of beginning, thence north to the place of beginning, and it satisfactorily appearing from said bill that diligent search and inquiry have been made to ascertain the present residence or whereabouts of said defendants and it cannot be ascertained whether they are living or dead, or where they may reside if living, or whether they have personal representatives or heirs living, or where they or some of them may reside, or whether the title, interest, claim or possible right of the said named defendants in and to the said described lands have been disposed of by will, or have been assigned by them to any person or persons, and that the names of said unnamed defendants cannot after such search and inquiry be ascertained.

Therefore, on motion of D. L. Johnson, attorney for said plaintiff, it is ordered that the appearance of said named and unnamed defendants be entered in said cause within three months from the date of this order, and that within twenty days from this date, the plaintiff cause a copy of this order to be published in the Alma Record, a newspaper published and circulated in said county, once each week for six successive weeks, or that said plaintiff cause a copy of this order to be personally served on each of said defendants at least thirty days before the time prescribed herein for the appearance of said defendants.

KELLY S. SEARL, Circuit Judge.
H. L. EAT, County Clerk.
The above call involves the title to the land described hereinafter, to-wit: City of Alma, in the County of Gratiot and State of Michigan, known as Section 34, and the Section line between Sections 3 and 4 of town 12 north, range 1 west, Michigan, thence west 5 rods, south to the margin of Pine River, thence northerly along the margin of Pine River to a point south of the place of beginning, thence north to the place of beginning, and it satisfactorily appearing from said bill that diligent search and inquiry have been made to ascertain the present residence or whereabouts of said defendants and it cannot be ascertained whether they are living or dead, or where they may reside if living, or whether they have personal representatives or heirs living, or where they or some of them may reside, or whether the title, interest, claim or possible right of the said named defendants in and to the said described lands have been disposed of by will, or have been assigned by them to any person or persons, and that the names of said unnamed defendants cannot after such search and inquiry be ascertained.

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Mr. Arbuckle, whose coffee goes around the world, once said two-thirds of his department heads and the best of his sales force came to him through classified advertising.

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Children suffering from worms are dull and irritable, puny and weak, often grind their teeth and cry out in sleep, being a constant source of worry to their parents. Kickapoo Worm Killer is a mild laxative remedy in candy tablet form that children like to take. Promptly effective, it kills and removes the worm from the system. Irregular appetite and bowels' movement, lack of interest in play are sure signs of worms. Relieve your children of this burden. At all drug stores, 25c—Adv. 1.

A Smooth, Hairless Skin for Every Woman

For Beauty Secrets.
With the aid of a plain medol paste it is an easy matter to rid the skin of unsightly hairy growths. The paste is made by mixing soem water with powdered medol. This is applied to the hair not wanted and after two or three minutes rubbed off and the skin washed, when every trace of hair will have vanished. When you go to your druggist for medol be sure to get the genuine article, and if he will not supply you, the American Proprietary Co., of Boston, will send you a 50c or \$1.00 package by mail.

INSTANT ACTION SURPRISES MANY HERE

This grocer's story surprises local people: "I had had stomach trouble. All food seemed to sour and form gas. Was always constipated. Nothing helped until I tried buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-ka. ONE SPOONFUL astonished me with its INSTANT action." Because Adler-ka flushes the ENTIRE alimentary tract it relieves ANY CASE of constipation, sour stomach or gas and prevents appendicitis. It has QUICKEST action of anything we ever sold. Sold at Brunner's drug store.—Adv.

CHICHESTER PILLS

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Beware of Counterfeits.
Refuse all Substitutes.
LADIES! Ask your Druggist for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. TAKE NO OTHER. Buy of your Druggist. CHICHESTER'S PILLS are the only DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for twenty-five years regarded as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE TESTED. TIME TAKEN.

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Your eyes carefully tested and fitted.
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RETAIL
Groceries, Candles, Stationery, Etc.
121 W. Superior Street

Alma, Mich., March 8, 1917.

To the Citizens of Alma and Vicinity:

Having recently purchased the Grocery business at the above designated place and will add to the business a full and complete line of Fancy and Staple Groceries, Fruits, Vegetables, Candles, Stationery, etc., I will appreciate a share of your patronage. Come in and see me for Quality and Prices, or phone me for delivery.

To the Farmers:

Bring your Butter and Eggs and Vegetables to me and I will pay you the highest market price.

Sincerely yours,

C. POWELL, Proprietor.

Telephones—Union 466; Bell 282.

Just a Gentle Rub Shines

Children smile when they take Foley's Honey and Tar. 1st. It tastes good. 2nd. It makes them feel good. It will turn a feverish, fretful, coughing child into a happily smiling one. Because—it puts a healing, soothing coating on a feverish, inflamed, tickling throat. It helps soothe and stuffy, wheezy breathing. It stops coughs quickly, and it wards off croup. It contains no opiates, does not upset a delicate stomach, and the last drop in the bottle is just as good as the first. Try it.

Make Your Kiddies Laugh
Children smile when they take Foley's Honey and Tar. 1st. It tastes good. 2nd. It makes them feel good. It will turn a feverish, fretful, coughing child into a happily smiling one. Because—it puts a healing, soothing coating on a feverish, inflamed, tickling throat. It helps soothe and stuffy, wheezy breathing. It stops coughs quickly, and it wards off croup. It contains no